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Isn't it wonderful to wake up each morning to another spectacular South Canterbury Summer day?

Summer calls for delicate colours and soft fabrics. It's time to hibernate your rich plums, rusts and reds till winter, and opt for lighter breezy colours in your home.

West Melton Home

Think of 'Mother Nature' and find inspiration from the colours you see outside. A great example of this is a couple I worked with in West Melton.

After viewing their home and surrounds (I couldn't resist snapping a picture of their property - such a simple, relaxing setting) we opted for earthy, natural textures and shades. 'Natural fibres gifted by nature - woven into beautiful fabrics', from Hemptech, who design innovative natural and sustainable textiles that suit both modern and traditional interiors. Here we chose the 'Fantails' design which echoed the bird-song that surrounded their home.







Tolaga Bay - Hemptech



Fantails - Hemptech

Large Projects

I have had the privilege of working on some really interesting projects this past year; that have taken me from the far north to the deep south and everywhere in between - even over to London! I greatly enjoyed consulting to Rhodes on Cashmere, a beautifully presented aged care village located on

the Cashmere hills overlooking Christchurch. With wonderful panoramic views from most windows, I opted for understated elegance, combining comfort with good design punctuated by the occasional piece of beautiful furniture to create some colourful drama indoors.

The year ahead looks set to be equally as exciting. It will be my 30th year as an Interior Designer how time flies! So, what are your plans for your home interior? Whether it's a new upholstery fabric for a comfy family couch, a lighter colour scheme for those dark spaces in your home, or just a fresh set of eyes and a head full of new ideas - call me, I'd love to hear from you.

However in the meantime, I hope you, like me, are going to take time out to recharge, refocus and relax over the holiday period.

I will be closed between the 20th December and the 13th January, however if you need to reach me for any reason during this time, please feel free to

call me on 688 9673.

I thank you for your continued support over the past year, look forward to working with you in 2014, and wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas.

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Thought for the day:

"Design is inherently optimistic. That is its power" William McDonough